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LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WINDSTORM RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

Tupelo – Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 24th, is the last day for people in Mississippi who suffered damages during the February and March windstorms and tornadoes to apply for recovery assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Telephone lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to receive applications from anyone who still has not registered for the numerous federal and state programs that may be available to help people recover from the devastation caused by recent storms and tornadoes.

The teleregistration number is 1-800-462-9029, or 1-800-462-7585 for persons with speech or hearing impairments.

FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer for the recovery operations, John Hannah, urged everyone in the counties affected by the late winter windstorms to register.

"Even if you have insurance, you should get registered," said Hannah. "If insurance does not cover all of your losses or if hidden damages surface in your home at a later date, you may be eligible for a state or federal program that will compensate for those problems."

Leon Shaifer, the State Coordinating Officer said, "This deadline does NOT affect people who suffered flooding in the April 3rd through 5th downpours. Their recovery period is just beginning, and they will be given 60 days to register."

Shaifer added, "We hope that the wind and tornado victims will not make unilateral or unassisted decisions about their own eligibility. Let the state and federal professionals make those decisions. Get registered today."

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